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US-EC DIALOGUE: READOUT ON EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING,
COPENHAGEN, JUNE 12, 1978: ENLARGEMENT

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 3904

(B) COPENHAGEN 3769

1. MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PETER DYVIG, SAID
THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE DELIGHTED THAT AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE WAS OBTAINED ON HOW TO HANDLE THE
POLITICAL CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY
AS THE FORMER MOVES CLOSER TO EC MEMBERSHIP. DYVIG
SAID THAT AMONG THE NINE, THE FRG, THE UK, AND DENMARK
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WERE PROBABLY THE MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE NEED
TO NAIL DOWN THE "TURKISH OFFSET" AT THE SAME TIME
THAT THE STRUCTURE FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION WAS
ESTABLISHED WITH THE GREEKS.

2. ENLARGEMENT WAS THE FIRST ITEM ON THE MINISTERS'S
AGENDA WHEN THE MEETING BEGAN ABOUT 1100. THEY CONTINUED

DISCUSSING THE QUESTION UNTIL LUNCH AT 1300.
DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN MINISTERS ON "BOTH SIDES" OF THE "TURKISH OFFSET" DISPLAYED FLEXIBILITY. THE BRITISH AND GERMANS GAVE A BIT AS DID THE FRENCH ON THE OTHER SIDE.

3. AS NOTED IN DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN'S SUBSEQUENT PRESS BRIEFING (REF A), THE NINE AGREED THAT THE POLITICAL COOPERATION PROCESS, UNLIKE THE TREATY SIDE OF THE EC, WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE. POLITICAL COOPERATION ENTAILS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ON THE PART OF ALL EC MEMBERS. THE PROCESS WILL UNFOLD IN THREE STAGES, AS NOTED IN REF B:

- "INFORMATION" BEFORE THE ACCESSION TREATY IS SIGNED.
- "CONSULTATION" AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY.
- FULL "POLITICAL COOPERATION" AFTER TREATY RATIFICATION.

THIS PROCESS WILL BE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO GREECE BUT ALSO TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

4. DYVIG REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH THE NINE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP THE TURKS INFORMED ON POLITICAL COOPERATION, THE LATTER HAVE REMAINED UNSATISFIED AND THAT THIS DISSATISFACTION HAS BEEN LARGELY SHARED BY THE NINE. THE NEW STRUCTURE TO BE SET UP BETWEEN THE EC AND TURKEY WILL GIVE AN INCREASED STATUS TO THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE PROCESS OF INFORMATION TRANSFER WILL BE MORE REGULARIZED. FOR THE FIRST TIME, FORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WILL OCCUR. DYVIG
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COMMENTED THAT THIS WILL APPROACH REAL "CONSULTATION" IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THE TURKS HAVE SPECIAL POLITICAL INTERESTS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC.

5. THE EC DEVICE STRUCK UPON FOR EFFECTING THIS EXCHANGE IS A "THREE-PRESIDENCY FORMULA." AFTER MEETINGS AMONG THE NINE ON POLITICAL COOPERATION, REPRESENTATIVES OF (1) THE COUNTRY HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY; (2) THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENCY; AND, (3) THE SUCCEEDING PRESIDENCY, WILL SIT DOWN WITH THE TURKS. (COMMENT: THIS IS PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO DEFUSE THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF THE LIAISON WERE CONFINED SOLELY TO A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TURKS AND A FUTURE GREEK PRESIDENCY (PARA 8 REF B). DYVIG REMARKED THAT THE "THREE-PRESIDENCY FORMULA" WAS SUGGESTED BY BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET BASED ON THE DOCUMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS AND ENDORSED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

6. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL TAKE UP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS FORMULA AT SUBSEQUENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER IT WILL BE APPLIED ONLY TO MEETINGS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR ALSO TO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION.

7. MFA EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF BOJER REMARKED THAT THE DANES BELIEVE IT

WAS IMPORTANT TO GET THIS GREEK-TURKISH ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED NOW AND NOT TO LET THE MATTER CARRY OVER TO SEPTEMBER. HE OBSERVED THAT ALMOST EVERY OPEN QUESTION OF CONCERN TO BOTH THE GREEKS AND TURKS TENDS TO BECOME A SUBJECT OF DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM AND THAT THIS IS AT LEAST ONE AREA WHERE DISPUTE CAN HOPEFULLY NOW BE ELIMINATED.

8. DYVIG ADDED THAT YESTERDAY EVENING THE DANES CALLED IN THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS TO COPENHAGEN TO INFORM THEM OF THESE DECISIONS. ANDERSEN WILL FORMALLY APPRISE THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE JUNE 26 MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG BETWEEN THE EC AND GREECE. AT THAT TIME, ANDERSEN WILL ALSO PASS ON A PACKAGE OF BASIC MATERIAL TO THE GREEKS: THE COPENHAGEN AND LUXEMBOURG REPORTS; A PAPER ON EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE (REF B).

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9. DYVIG CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF HIS BRIEFING BY NOTING THAT WHILE THE PREVIOUS GERMAN PRESIDENCY SUCCEEDED IN WORKING OUT THE GYMnich FORMULA FOR THE US-EC POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION, THE DANISH PRESIDENCY REACHED AGREEMENT ON A SIMILAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NINE AND, IN EFFECT, TURKEY SINCE GREECE IS ON ITS WAY INTO THE COMMUNITY.
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